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Welcome to Michigan's Capital Region!

Our goal is to inspire visitors to Love Lansing like a local and I would personally like to invite you to experience all that Greater Lansing has to offer. From world-class attractions to colorful festivals, Michigan's Capital region has something for everyone. And I promise, it won't take you long to see we're glad you're here! Greater Lansing is a diverse and welcoming community with over 500 Certified Tourism Ambassadors. We take pride in rolling out the red carpet for visitors, whether you're here for a conference, sports tournament or a weekend getaway.

While in the area, please stop by our visitor information center for maps, brochures and personalized planning assistance. It is conveniently located in downtown Lansing just steps away from shops, dining and attractions. Whether you prefer to navigate our community with your smartphone, or simply wish to browse a copy of our vistor inspiration guide, we are dedicated to being your travel planning resource.

I hope you enjoy your Pure Michigan experience while in Greater Lansing. If we can offer any assistance to make your stay more enjoyable please contact us! On behalf of our staff, Board, partners and community leaders—Welcome!

Sincerely,

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About the *Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau*

OUR VISION

To inspire everyone to celebrate and love Greater Lansing as much as we do! Which goes hand in hand with our mission, to positively impact our community's quality of life by developing the region as a visitor destination.

What that boils down to is we want you to love Greater Lansing just like we do. Whether you're traveling for a sports tournament, professional conference or to visit our many attractions, we want your trip to be successful, memorable and, of course, just plain fun.

WHO WE ARE

The GLCVB is a Destination Marketing Organization for the mid-Michigan region. We are a regional Destinations International (DI) accredited nonprofit organization focused on bringing visitors to Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties. We have a 60-year history as an economic catalyst for the hospitality industry in the region. The GLCVB is governed by a Board of Directors and is primarily funded from marketing assessments, occupancy taxes, advertising revenue and membership dues.

WHAT WE DO

The GLCVB promotes the region to leisure travelers, event planners and sport tournament directors to encourage them to host their events in mid-Michigan. In 2019, the region welcomed over 5.3 million visitors which generated over $682 million dollars in economic impact. The GLCVB is a membership organization that works in partnership with local hotels, facilities, restaurants, attractions and retailers to attract visitors to the area.

*Learn more about the important work of the GLCVB at **Lansing.org**.*

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As you plan your Greater Lansing getaway let us be your resource for all things local. Check out Lansing.org for information on lodging, attractions, dining, an interactive calendar of events, coupons/special offers and blogs full of insider tips.

Once you've arrived in Michigan's capital region, it's time to love Lansing like a local! Stop by our visitor center where our Certified Tourism Ambassadors can help you customize your itinerary and help unlock the region's hidden treasures. Find maps, brochures and other helpful tools to make the most of your time in mid-Michigan. Prefer a contactless experience? Simply phone 517-487-6800 for assistance.

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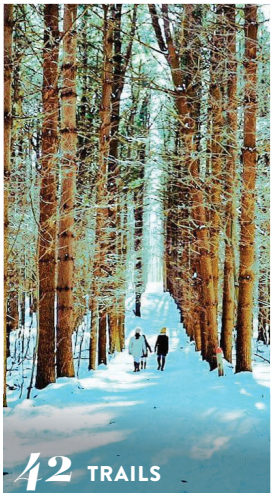

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Travel Responsibly

The Greater Lansing region wants you to be healthy and safe while visiting. Our hotels, restaurants and attractions have taken the Greater Lansing Safe Pledge demonstrating their commitment to following COVID health and safety protocols for your well-being. Please visit our Safe Pledge page on **lansing.org** for details or scan the QR Code to the right.

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#LoveLansing Conversation

While every effort has been made to include information visitors would like to know about traveling to Greater Lansing, Michigan—there's only so much info we can highlight in this small publication. To get a sense of the full Capital region experience we encourage you to engage with our many digital resources. From our robust website, to social media and weekly blogs, we hope you'll join in on the conversation.

Lansing.org

Find an up-to-date calendar of events, special offers/coupons, articles and insider tips, plus listings for hotels, restaurants, attractions, shopping and more.

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We thank our #LoveLansing community for sharing their visual viewpoint of the region. Their contributions are reflected in the photos and user generated content (UGC) throughout the publication.

QR Code

Wondering what these little symbols mean? The QR Codes placed throughout this publication will help you unlock additional information like websites, maps, blogs, etc. They are quick and easy to use!

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STEP 2
Point your camera at the QR Code. Center the code on your screen. Your phone should focus in on the code after a brief moment.

STEP 3
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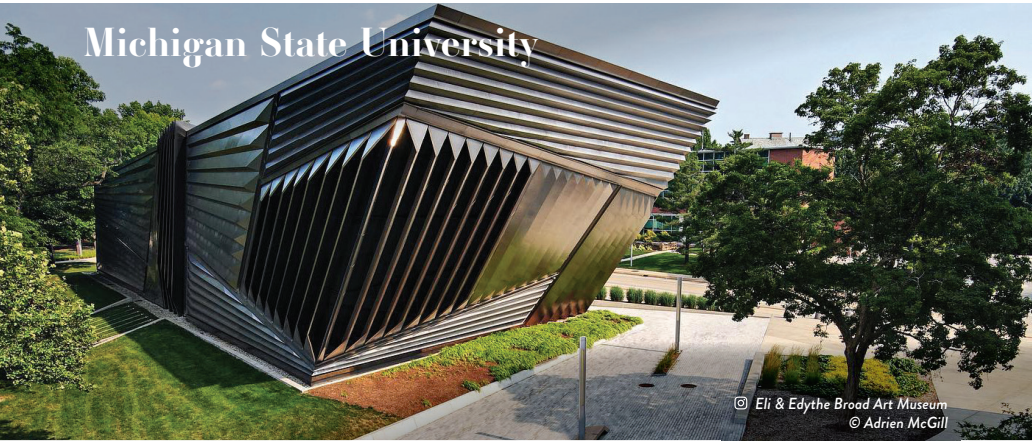

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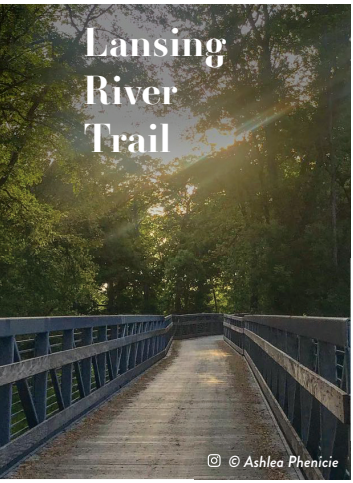

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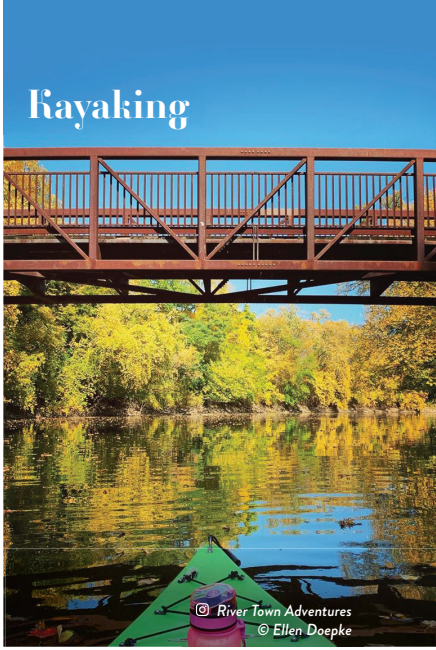
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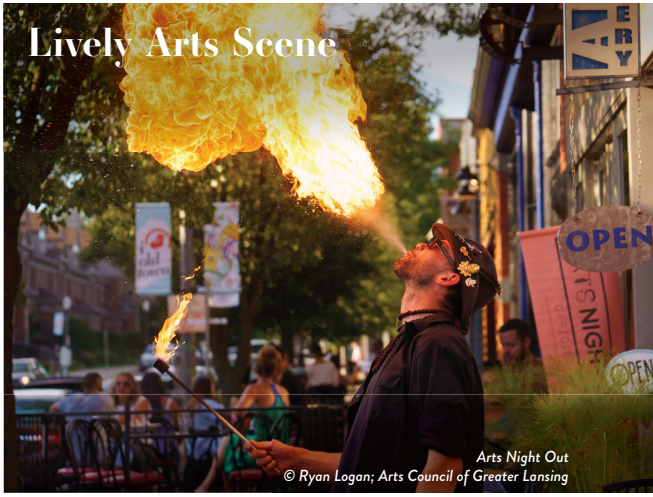
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MSU 4-H Children's Garden
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Heart of Michigan

Centrally located, Greater Lansing is comprised of a delightful mix of urban amenities and small town charm. We like to think of the region as the heart of Michigan. Come shop, dine, play and explore a genuine slice of Midwestern hospitality.

CHARLOTTE
Play: Charlotte Performing Arts Center
Explore: AI!VE: Your Community Well-being Place

DEWITT
Shop: Sweetie-licious Bakery Café
Dine: Looking Glass Brewing Company
Explore: Granger Meadows Park

DOWNTOWN LANSING
Shop: The Peanut Shop
Dine: Sidecar Slider Bar
Play: Impression 5 Science Center
Explore: Rotary Park

EAST LANSING
Shop: Quark!
Dine: Jolly Pumpkin Café and Brewery
Play: MSU 4-H Children's Garden
Explore: Michigan State University

EATON RAPIDS
Dine: The English Inn
Play: Le Chat Gourmet Culinary Arts

GRAND LEDGE
Shop: Ledge Craft Lane
Play: Funtyme Adventure Park
Explore: The Ledges at Fitzgerald Park

HASLETT/OKEMOS
Shop: Van Atta's Greenhouse
Dine: Red Haven
Play: Launch Lansing
Explore: Lake Lansing

MASON
Shop: Michigan Barn Wood & Salvage
Dine: BAD Brewing Company
Play: City Limits Bowling Center
Explore: Downtown Mason

OLD TOWN LANSING
Shop: Old Town General Store
Dine: Pablo's
Play: The Grid Arcade and Bar
Explore: Lansing River Trail

ST. JOHNS
Shop: Oh Mi Organics
Dine: St. Johns Brewing Company
Play: The Emerald Golf Course
Explore: Uncle John's Cider Mill

REO TOWN LANSING
Shop: ALT Printing Company
Dine: Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale
Explore: Murals

WILLIAMSTON
Shop: Fireworks Glass Studio
Dine: River House Inn
Play: Williamston Theater

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Graduate Rock Bar
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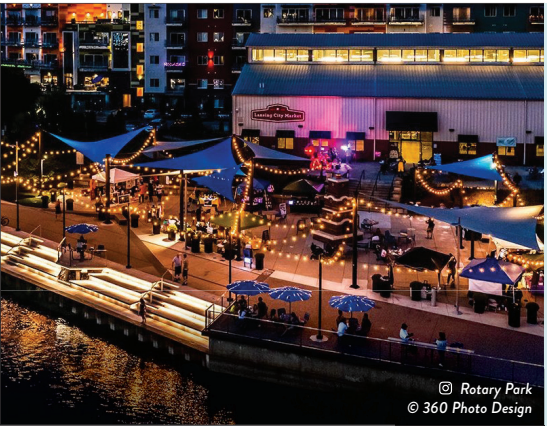
The Graduate East Lansing

Located across the street from Michigan State University's beautiful and sprawling campus, the **Graduate East Lansing** hotel is the picture perfect place to stay whether you're a potential student, alumnus, or attending a sporting event or conference. Mixing an "up north" Michigan feel with touches of campus spirit, this 194-room hotel is truly a one-of-a-kind experience. MSU fans will delightfully recognize nods to MSU notables scattered throughout the facility.

On the tenth floor of the hotel is the **Graduate Rock Bar**, named as a nod to the MSU Rock which has been an icon on campus since 1873. The Rock Bar, with floor to ceiling windows, allows expansive views of campus, **Spartan Stadium** and Michigan Avenue. You'll get a summer camp vibe out on the rooftop patio in warmer weather and a cozy cabin atmosphere indoors as it serves up classic American fare, local beers and spirits.



Rotary Park
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Lansing Shuffle

Lansing Shuffle is slated to open in the summer of 2022 and will add to Lansing's food and entertainment vibe. Visitors can find multiple restaurants, bars, shuffleboard courts and space to mix and mingle with friends. It will be located on the banks of the Grand River in downtown Lansing adjacent to **Rotary Park** and the **Lansing River Trail**.

Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall at the Michigan State Capitol will open in the spring of 2022, allowing visitors to enter the building's north side via Ottawa Street with easy access for motorcoach and school bus drop-off. Heritage Hall's 40,000 square foot exhibit and conference hall will have orientation rooms, artifact and historical display areas, plus allow gathering areas for legislative events and press conferences.

Heritage Hall
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Michigan State Capitol
© Greater Lansing CVB

Lansing Pride

Here in Greater Lansing, ALL are welcome. It's not just Lansing Pride that we're talking about—it's Michigan Pride. Join in the Michigan Pride Festival held in Lansing each year and celebrate all that it entails: a Pride Parade, White Party, Rally at the Capitol and so much more. It's a family-friendly event that's all about raising awareness and promoting unity for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies.

GREATER LANSING

Don't Miss Events

Fall

Greater Lansing has plenty of pumpkin patches, apple picking and lots and lots of cider and donut options. Best of all, why not make the most of your stay and include a festival or two while you're here? Take your pick from a rodeo show with **Charlotte's Frontier Days** or dance the night away at the **Michigan BluesFest**.

Winter

Winter might signify a slower pace for some, but that's not the case in Lansing where the events just keep rolling in! Kick off the holiday season at the always eventful **Silver Bells in the City**. Explore Potter Park Zoo's **Wonderland of Lights** or become a weekend Viking at the **Michigan Nordic Fire Festival**.

Spring

The birds are chirping, trees are budding and the signs of warmer weather are making you want to stretch your legs and see what's happening in Greater Lansing. Shake off those winter blues and GO NUTS at the **Lugnut's Opening Day Celebration**. Or partake in over 250 events and activities at the month long **MSU Science Festival.**

Summer

When there's still a lot of sunlight after dinner and we're in the midst of beautiful weather, Greater Lansing takes advantage and hosts a multitude of music infused, food adorned get togethers of all kinds. Like at Old Town's **Mighty Uke Day** or Williamston's **Red Cedar Jubilee**. Or pair art and food trucks at Old Town's **Art Feast**.

*Visit **Lansing.org/Events** or scan the QR Code on the left for more information, including dates and times.*

Lansing Lugnuts Opening Day Celebration
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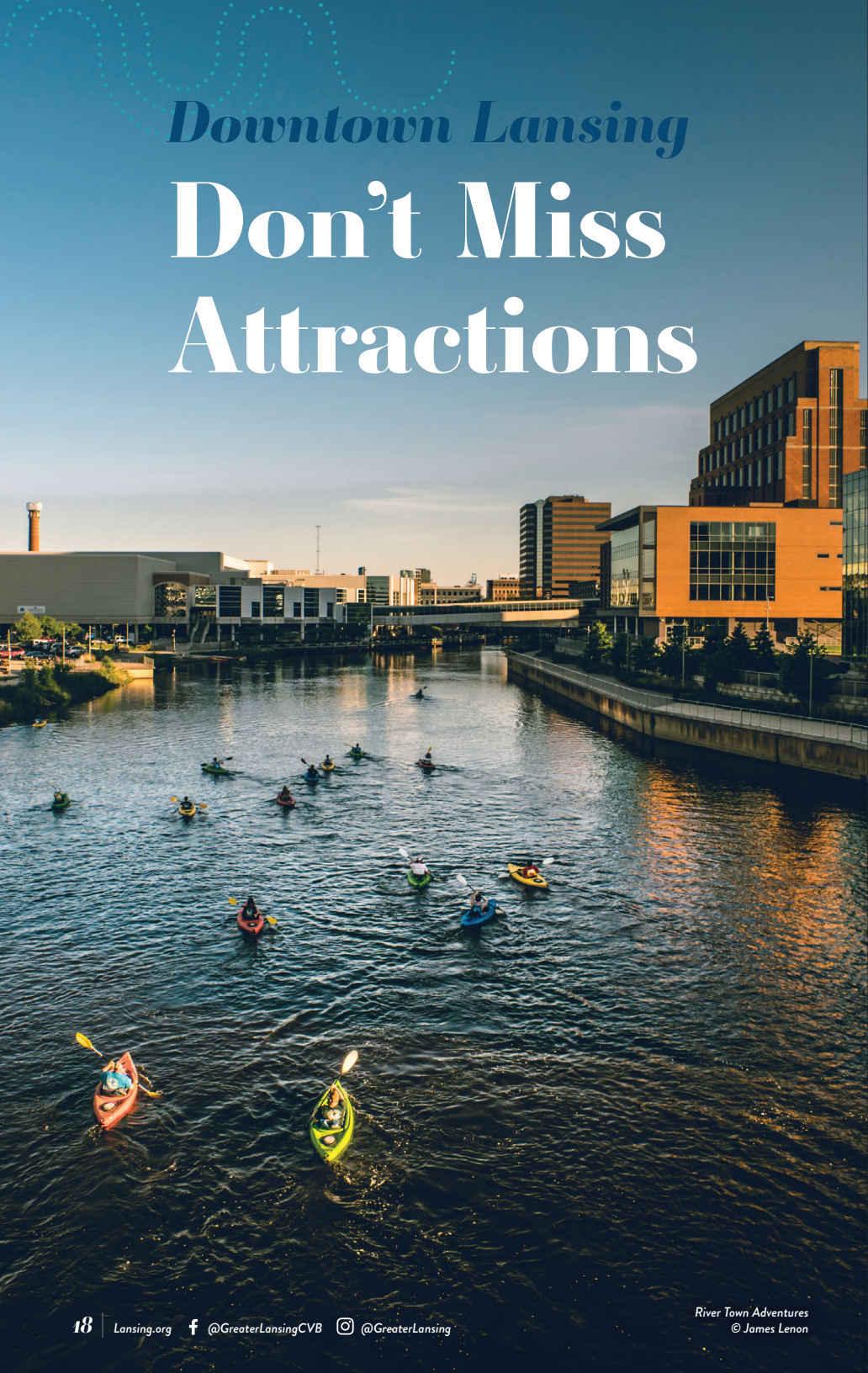
Downtown Lansing

Don't Miss Attractions



River Town Adventures
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If you're looking for one reason to visit downtown Lansing, we'll give you ten.

Michigan's Capital city of Lansing has one of the most walkable downtowns with ten attractions within a five-block radius.

Visitors can explore the **Michigan State Capitol**, the **Library of Michigan** and **Michigan History Museum**. Then walk down Museum Drive directly across from the Lansing Center where you'll find **Impression 5 Science Center**, the **R.E. Olds Transportation Museum** and **Riverwalk Theatre**.

Michigan State Capitol
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Rotary Park
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Stroll the **Lansing River Trail.** Take it north and find **Rotary Park** where you can stop and enjoy a scenic river view while seated either at a café table or in an Adirondack chair at the urban beach. You can also find **River Town Adventures** if you're looking to rent a kayak or canoe. Across the street from Rotary Park is Jackson® Field , home to the **Lansing Lugnuts** minor league baseball team.

Lansing Brewing Company
© Thomas Genarra

If all this is making you hungry and thirsty, you can find bars and restaurants like **Goodfellas Bagel Deli** or the **Lansing Brewing Company**. If you head to the four blocks of South Washington Square, you can find locations that literally run the gamut from soup (**Zoup!**) to nuts (**The Peanut Shop**) and everything in between.

Courtyard by Marriott—Lansing Downtown
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Finally, if you're in need of a place to stay, check in to either the brand new **Courtyard by Marriott—Lansing Downtown** or the **Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol**. They are right in the heart of downtown Lansing so you can get rested up for your next day's adventure in Greater Lansing.

DOWNTOWN LANSING

Don't Miss Events

Car Capital Auto Show
The R.E. Olds Transportation Museum's annual car show celebrates the city's rich automotive history! See all makes and models of cars from 1900s to the present. Free family fun with music and vendors in downtown Lansing.

Beerfest at the Ballpark
Held on Michigan Avenue on the front lawn of Jackson® Field . It provides attendees the opportunity to taste more than 300 craft beers, ciders, meads and spirits from over 60 Michigan breweries while enjoying the ballpark atmosphere.

Silver Bells In The City
The city will glow with thousands of lights for the Silver Bells in the City celebration, bringing together family and friends from across Michigan and beyond to kick off the holiday season. The Electric Light Parade, Silver Bells Village, lighting of the state Christmas Tree and musical entertainment are all part of this Lansing tradition.

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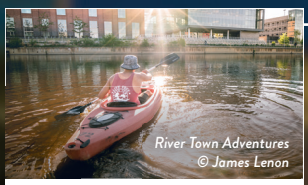
Lansing River Trail



River Town Adventures
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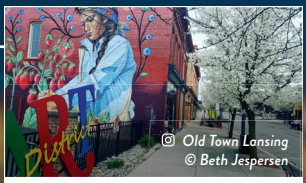
PADDLE/WALK/RIDE/RUN

There's no better way to get to know Lansing than walking or running the trail. But if you want to try something else, **River Town Adventures** is the place to rent a bike, canoe, paddleboard or kayak.



Old Town Lansing
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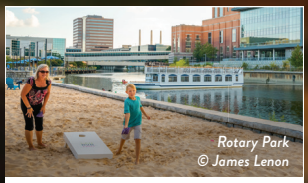
OLD TOWN LANSING

Lansing's original downtown and boutique district. The neighborhood's beautiful Victorian buildings are filled with unique galleries, tasty eateries, quaint boutiques, creative businesses, specialty shops, nightclubs and more.



Rotary Park
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DOWNTOWN LANSING

Here you will find one of a kind shopping and dining experiences, the **Michigan State Capitol**, Jackson® Field —home of the **Lansing Lugnuts**, parks, museums, galleries, and theaters all within walking distance.

Sparty at Spartan Stadium
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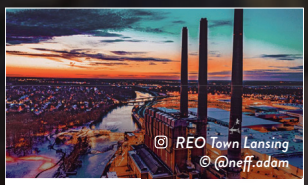
CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Find many beautiful art installations and the pretty urban oasis of **Shigematsu Japanese Garden** at **Lansing Community College**. On another portion of the trail you can roam over 100 miles of sidewalks at **Michigan State University** in East Lansing.



REO Town Lansing
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REO TOWN LANSING

Originally home to the REO Motor Car Company, today REO Town is known for its vibrant arts scene and is home to a dynamic and diverse community of restaurants, retail shops and murals.

*For more nearby attractions and activities on the Lansing River Trail visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code below.*

Lansing Map

MAP KEY
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- Dining
- Nightlife
- Shopping
- Greater Lansing Visitor Center
- Michigan State Capitol
- Points of Interest
- Accommodations
- Lansing River Trail

**Please note that many one-way streets in downtown Lansing are scheduled to be converted to two-way streets in 2022.*

Downtown Lansing
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ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Courtyard by Marriott—Lansing Downtown
2. Cozy Koi Bed & Breakfast
3. Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol

POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Allen Neighborhood Center
2. CATA Transportation Center
3. Impression 5 Science Center
4. Jackson® Field/ Lansing Lugnuts
5. Lansing Center
6. Lansing Community College
7. Michigan History Center
8. Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center
9. Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial
10. Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame
11. Remembrance Memorial
12. R. E. Olds Transportation Museum
13. River Town Adventures
14. Turner-Dodge House & Heritage Center

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Michigan State University

Whether you're a returning Spartan or a potential student, an avid fan or just visiting the campus, you will find that Michigan State University welcomes everyone. You don't need to be a student or faculty member to discover and explore attractions, gardens, museums and so much more. While the campus is expansive (over 5,000 acres) most attractions can be found on East or West Circle Drive on the north side of the Red Cedar River. Cross the river to find popular athletic facilities like Spartan Stadium, Breslin Center and Munn Ice Area.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of things to do at Michigan State University.*

Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum
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Sparty at Spartan Stadium
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Michigan State University Facts

- **Colors:** Green and White
- **Mascot:** Sparty
- **Team name:** Spartans
- **Conference:** Big Ten
- **Founded:** 1855
- **Landmarks:** The Rock, Ervin "Magic" Johnson Statue, The Spartan Statue
- **Spartan Stadium capacity:** 75,005

Explore These Attractions

- MSU 4-H Children's Garden
- W.J. Beal Botanical Garden
- Spartan Stadium
- MSU Museum
- Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum
- MSU Dairy Store
- Wharton Center for Performing Arts
- Beaumont Tower

MSU Dairy Store
© James Lenon

MSU + EAST LANSING

Don't Miss Events

MSU Science Festival
This month-long free festival includes more than 250 events and activities highlighting the wonders of science and other STEAM fields.

East Lansing Art Festival
This two-day event features over 170 fine art exhibitors, live music, art activities for all ages, artist demos, poetry and more in downtown East Lansing.

Black Cat Bistro
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Eat Here

- Beggar's Banquet
- Black Cat Bistro
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Crunchy's
- Harper's Restaurant & Brew Pub
- Harrison Roadhouse
- HopCat East Lansing
- Pizza House
- SanSu Sushi & Cocktails
- State Room Restaurant & Lounge

Stay Here

- Candlewood Suites Hotel—Lansing
- Marriott East Lansing at University Place
- Graduate East Lansing
- Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
- Residence Inn by Marriott—East Lansing
- SpringHill Suites by Marriott—East Lansing
- TownePlace Suites by Marriott
- Wild Goose Inn

Graduate East Lansing
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MSU Spring Arts & Crafts Show
The MSU Union hosts one of the largest arts and crafts shows in the state featuring a broad range of vendors selling handmade items.

Summer Solstice Jazz Festival
A free music festival, featuring the best in local, regional and national talent, children's activities, a traditional New Orleans-style Second Line Parade and more.

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5 Tips for Attending a MSU Football Game

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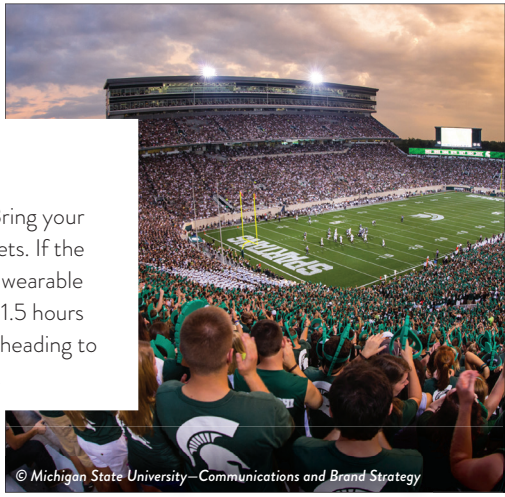
1 Parking

Timing is everything. Arrive early to find parking that's relatively close but be prepared to walk a bit. All parking locations are open at 7 a.m. for noon and 1 p.m. kickoffs, 9 a.m. for 3:30 p.m. kickoffs, 1 p.m. for Saturday evening kickoffs and 3:30 p.m. for Friday evening kickoffs. All fans are encouraged not to arrive before these times as traffic lineups will not be permitted.



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2 Stadium Rules

No bags are allowed in **Spartan Stadium**. Bring your tickets, ID, phone and money in your pockets. If the weather's threatening, you can bring some wearable rain gear but no umbrellas. The gates open 1.5 hours before the game starts or 2 hours if you're heading to a suite. See page 31 for masking guidelines.

© SpringHill Suites by Marriott—East Lansing

3 Accommodations

Make your reservations as early as possible. Rooms for home game weekends fill up fast and may require a minimum two night stay. The brand new **SpringHill Suites by Marriott**, **Graduate East Lansing**, **Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center** and the **Marriott East Lansing at University Place** are within walking distance to Spartan Stadium. But there are others in close proximity—*see the map on page 30!*

© Thomas Genarra

4 Enjoy Your Stay

Plan on a weekend getaway and take in some other points of interest in Michigan's Capital region. Want to check out where some of the students hang out? Try **Crunchy's**, **Harrison Roadhouse** or **Harper's Brew Pub**. And if you're looking for some delicious farm-to-table and great dining experiences, indulge your taste buds at **State Room Restaurant** or **Red Haven**. Or explore Greater Lansing's Makers and Shakers Trail for area craft distilleries, breweries and wineries.

© James Lenon

5 Don't Miss

Remember that a visit to Michigan State University's campus is never complete without stopping to get Dairy Store ice cream. No matter what flavor you prefer, (we're partial to Izzo's Malted Madness and Buckeye Blitz) this is the best ice cream you'll ever taste. The **MSU Dairy Store** is located at Anthony Hall on Farm Lane just south of Shaw.

Michigan State University Map

Wharton Center for Performing Arts
© James Lenon

ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Candlewood Suites Hotel—Lansing
2. Graduate East Lansing
3. Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
4. Marriott East Lansing at University Place
5. Red Roof Inn—East
6. Residence Inn by Marriott—East Lansing
7. SpringHill Suites by Marriott—East Lansing
8. TownePlace Suites by Marriott
9. Wild Goose Inn

POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Abrams Planetarium
2. Beaumont Tower
3. Breslin Student Events Center/Tom Izzo Hall of History
4. Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum
5. MSU Broad Art Lab
6. MSU Bug House
7. MSU 4-H Children's & Horticultural Gardens
8. MSU Dairy Store
9. MSU Farms
10. MSU Museum
11. MSU Pavilion
12. Munn Ice Arena
13. Spartan Stadium
14. Spartan Statue
15. Summer Circle Theatre
16. Suburban Ice
17. Wharton Center for Performing Arts
18. W. J. Beal Botanical Garden

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Plan Your Visit

Where to Park

You can now get real-time parking availability in East Lansing—perfect for those busy football Saturdays! Visit ***CityOfEastLansing.com*** or scan the QR Code below.

Where to Eat

East Lansing is a vibrant, eclectic college town full of great dining options. From the fan-inspired **FieldHouse**, to fool-proof options like **Noodles and Company**, East Lansing has options to suit not just every taste, but every budget. For a full list of nearby dining options visit ***Lansing.org*** or scan the QR Code below.

Where to Stay

Whether you're visiting a student, coming for a game, or conducting business on campus—plenty of hotels are all located in the east side of the region, making it convenient to get to campus and downtown East Lansing amenities. For a list of accommodations near MSU visit ***Lansing.org*** or scan the QR Code below.

Keeping Spartans Safe

For current COVID-19 info and masking guidelines visit ***MSU.edu*** or scan the QR Code below.

Social Spartans!

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Makers & Shakers

Beer, Wine & Spirits

If you're always on the hunt for local craft beer, artisan distilleries and boutique wineries, Greater Lansing is home to over 20 facilities that are open to the public for sipping, tasting and discovering your new favorite drink. Plot your path on the map on page 34 to get started. Cheers to you and Lansing's best offerings!

Dimes Brewhouse
© James Lenon

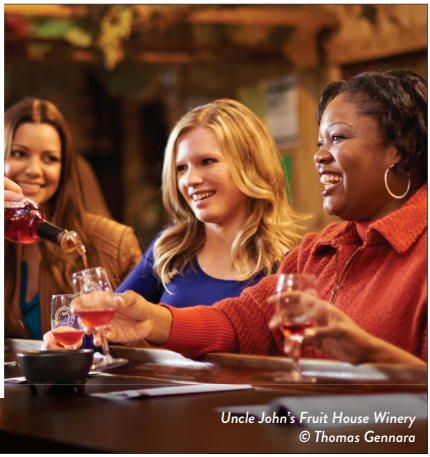
Lansing Brewing Company
© Thomas Gennara

BREWERIES

Lansing has 15 breweries, each with their own personality. Order a cold one in renovated churches like **Brickhaven Brewing Company** and **Looking Glass Brewing Company** or try **Lansing Brewing Company's** signature Amber Cream Ale created from the original 100-year-old recipe.

WINERIES

There's nothing better than rounding up your best friends for a wine tasting weekend. At **Burgdorf's Winery** you can sample in their tasting room, or enjoy a glass on the patio. Visiting in the winter? Enjoy your beverage in one of their heated igloos. Or pull up a seat at the bar at **Uncle John's Fruit House Winery Taproom**, housed in a renovated 85-year-old fruit packing house serving fruit wines, perries and hard ciders.



Uncle John's Fruit House Winery
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American Fifth Spirits
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DISTILLERIES

Whether it's a good rye whiskey, a zesty gin or smooth bourbon, Greater Lansing is home to multiple artisan distilleries. Within two blocks right in downtown Lansing you can find **American Fifth Spirits** and **Michigrain Distillery**. Or try **Red Cedar Spirits** in East Lansing, one of the oldest distilleries in Michigan with roots in scientific agriculture. **Sanctuary Spirits** in Grand Ledge also offers great aperitifs along with other inventive spirits. At any of these craft distilleries you can discover the perfect cocktail with a twist made with fresh fruits and herbs. Discover your favorite, then purchase a bottle or two to take home!

Makers & Shakers Trail

Map

Red Cedar Spirits
© Thomas Gennara

BREWERIES

1. Arcadia Smokehouse
2. BAD Brewing Company
3. BrickHaven Brewing Company
4. Dimes Brewhouse
5. EagleMonk Pub and Brewery
6. Ellison Brewery & Spirits *(2 locations)*
7. Harper's Restaurant & Brew Pub
8. Jolly Pumpkin Café & Brewery
9. Lansing Brewing Company
10. Looking Glass Brewing Company
11. Midtown Brewing Company
12. Old Nation Brewing Company
13. Ozone's Brewhouse
14. St. Johns Brewing Company

DISTILLERIES

15. American Fifth Spirits
16. Michigrain Distillery
17. Red Cedar Spirits
18. Sanctuary Spirits
19. Sleepwalker Spirits and Ale

WINERIES

20. Burgdorf's Winery
21. Uncle John's Cider Mill

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of breweries, distilleries and wineries.*

Crunchys
© Ryan Bell

Bars & Pubs

From the rooftop cocktail bar at the **Graduate East Lansing** to a 100-year-old neighborhood bar and grill called **Harry's Place**, Greater Lansing has something for everyone when it comes to bars and pubs. Depending on what atmosphere you're craving, the local establishments can cater to patrons who are looking for a night on the town, working on a bar crawl or just want to pop in for a cold one. Those seeking live entertainment, or a sports bar to watch the big game, won't be disappointed. Greater Lansing has you covered! Martinis, mules, locally brewed craft beer, hand crafted cocktails and more can be found right here in the heart of Michigan.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of bars and pubs.*

Arts & Theater

Under the Bridge Project
By artist Brian Whitfield
© Lawrence Cosentino/City Pulse

Murals

Find beautiful murals transforming previously bland streetscapes into colorful expressions of art.

One of Lansing's notable artists is Brian Whitfield. Lansing born and raised, Brian has completed several commercial murals in the region including one at the **Capital City Market**, two for the Under the Bridge Project and one for the **Allen Neighborhood Center**. Check out the 517ArtSearch app to investigate and discover all the public art (sculptures included) throughout the Capital city.

Saper Galleries
© James Lenon

Galleries

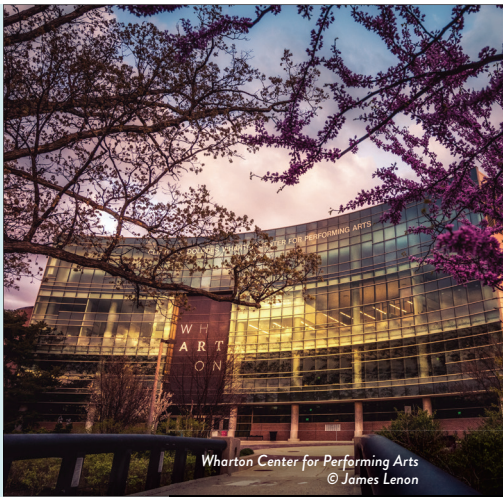
Find relevant, socially aware concepts and exhibits at the **Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum** at MSU plus several smaller galleries dotted throughout the region. Both **Saper Galleries** in East Lansing and the **Lansing Art Gallery** house fine art pieces and exhibit space. Lansing's latest art space is Nelson Gallery, located in the heart of downtown Lansing.

Don't miss watching creative artists Rhonda Baker and Dave Porter at **Fireworks Glass Studios**. Find them in downtown Williamston, creating fine hand-blown glass art. Decorative and functional art pieces, from lighting and pendants to vases and bowls can be purchased. It's the hottest spot in town!

Live Theatre

Greater Lansing is home to touring Broadway, local equity, community and dinner theatre shows to delight those who love live theater.

Wharton Center for Performing Arts brings the latest and greatest Broadway touring shows like *Hamilton*, top musical performers like *Itzak Perlman*, all ages sensory-friendly performances and relevant shows like *The Moth Mainstage*.



Wharton Center for Performing Arts
© James Lenon

Lansing Symphony Orchestra
© James Lenon

Music & Dance

Musical performances and dance in all its forms come alive in Michigan's Capital region. Visitors can find recitals from the **MSU School of Music**, **Lansing Symphony Orchestra** performances to stir their souls, plus delight in the many moods of ballet.

Don't miss The Nutcracker performed annually by the **Children's Ballet Theatre of Michigan** over Thanksgiving weekend.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of Arts and Theater.*

Things To Do With Kids

Entertaining the little ones can be a daunting task some days. But in Greater Lansing you'll discover dozens of kid friendly activities. Whether you're looking for rainy day indoor fun or wide-open spaces for the kids to get the wiggles out, we're showcasing the best the region has to offer. Here are a few starting recommendations by age group and be sure to check out ***Lansing.org*** for insider tips and info.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of things to do with kids.*

Impression 5 Science Center
© James Lenon

Toddlers

Visit the First Impression Room at **Impression 5 Science Center** for hands on fun. This space is created for young scientists up to four years old. Here, the kids are safe to roam, touch, crawl, climb, splash, read, create, and get to know science in a whole new way. Want to get some fresh air? Pack the stroller and head to the **MSU 4-H Children's Garden**.

MSU 4-H Children's Garden
© Thomas Gennara

Michigan History Museum
© Thomas Gennara

Elementary School Age

Need to burn off some energy? From trampoline parks like **Launch Lansing**, bowling at **Spare Time Entertainment Center** or laser tag at **Zap Zone,** you'll find lots of options for active kids. Want to inject some learning and discovery time into your visit? Take in a show at **Abrams Planetarium** or explore three floors of exhibits at the **Michigan History Museum**.

Tweens/Teens

Doing your best to connect with your tween/teenager? You'll be the coolest adult they know when you take them to **High Caliber Karting and Entertainment** for real life Mario Kart action. In addition to high speed go-karting, find pocket soccer and an arcade. Located inside the Meridian Mall, it's a great rainy-day destination. Prepping for college? A tour through the campus of **Michigan State University** is a must see!

High Caliber Karting and Entertainment
© Valeri Gill

Lansing Lugnuts
© Kyle Castle

Kids of All Ages

No visit to Lansing would be complete without a stop at the magnificent **Michigan Michigan State Capitol**. Knowledgeable and friendly docents will delight and entertain your group about the rich history of this lovingly restored landmark. View the more than 500 animal residents at **Potter Park Zoo** or if you like miniature golf "putter" around at **Little Hawk**. One of only two real bent grass courses in Michigan, complete with sand traps and waterfalls. No clowns or windmills in sight! A **Lansing Lugnuts** minor league baseball game is a fun and affordable outing. Kids can't sit through all nine innings? No worries. Special theme nights, a playground and bounce house will keep them busy. Check the promotional schedule for special opportunities for kids to run the bases or play catch on the field after the game.

Potter Park Zoo—Sensory Bag
© Potter Park Zoo

Sensory-Friendly Activities

The Lansing region prides itself on being a welcoming community and strives to provide the best experience to all guests that visit. It is our goal to be the most sensory-friendly city in Michigan! Therefore, the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau is collaborating with regional attractions to provide a supportive and welcoming environment for those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), developmental disabilities, sensory processing disorder, and other neurodiverse individuals and their families. Many attractions and hotels have undergone training to better meet the needs of our neurodiverse guests.

For more information on sensory-friendly activities and attractions, including information on restaurants and virtual tours of over 50 area locations, visit ***Lansing.org/SensoryFriendly*** *or scan the QR Code to the right.*

COMING SOON!

Universally Friendly Playground

The first universally-accessible playground in the region is in development in Lansing's Adado Riverfront Park. Designed to promote inclusivity and the health and well-being of children of ALL abilities.

The playground-park will maximize inclusivity and normalize differences, while promoting the healthy development of all children.

Top 6 Trails

to Experience in Greater Lansing

Lansing River Trail

Surface: Paved

Difficulty: Easy

Length: Over 20 miles of pathway, includes multiple parks such as Hawk Island

Best Uses: Biking, Rollerblading, Running and Walking

Bathrooms available at various locations, Pet Friendly and Stroller Friendly

Woldumar Nature Center

Surface: Dirt

Difficulty: Easy

Length: 5 miles

Best Uses: Cross-country skiing, Hiking, Running and Snowshoeing

Bathrooms in visitor center and Pet Friendly

Need Gear?

Playmakers in Okemos is a nationally recognized, award-winning footwear and apparel store. Or try **Moneyball Sportswear**, providing various kinds of athletic sportswear for championship athletes.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the right for a full list of trails.*

Fitzgerald Park

Surface: Dirt

Difficulty: Easy

Length: Over 3 miles

Best Uses: Cross-country skiing, Hiking, Running and Snowshoeing

Bathrooms and Pet Friendly

Fitzgerald Park
© Oscar Viamonte

Anderson Nature Center
© Amie Lucas

Anderson Nature Park

Surface: Dirt

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Length: 3.9 miles

Best Uses: Hiking, Mountain Biking and Running

Pet Friendly

Burchfield Park

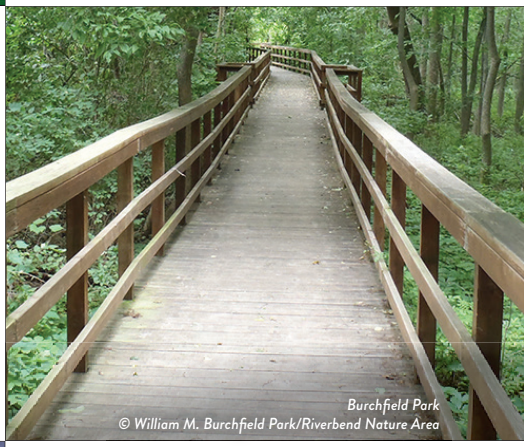
Surface: Dirt

Difficulty: Easy

Length: 16 miles

Best Uses: Cross-Country Skiing, Hiking, Mountain Biking, Running and Snowshoeing

Bathrooms



Burchfield Park
© William M. Burchfield Park/Riverbend Nature Area

Lake Lansing
©@alexisleaann

Lake Lansing North

Surface: Dirt

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Length: 10 miles

Best Uses: Cross-country skiing, Hiking, Running and Snowshoeing

Bathrooms and Pet Friendly

Grand Adventures

With the Grand River flowing right through Lansing's downtown, it makes perfect sense that there are plenty of kayaking and canoeing options in Michigan's Capital region. Launch from Rotary Park in the heart of downtown Lansing and within minutes find riverbanks lined with trees and sounds of the city soon left behind.

River Town Adventures
© James Lenon

Need Gear?

River Town Adventures offers rentals of canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. Choose adventures ranging from an hour long paddle-around near the urban center or a enjoy a leisurely paced multi-hour journey. Check their website for special events like evening glow paddles, movies on the water and craft beer tastings. Accessible launches, both on rivers and lakes, makes getting in and out of the water easy for all.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code below for a full list of places to kayak and canoe.*

Cheer On The
Home Teams!

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code on the left for more Greater Lansing sports and leisure.*

Lansing Lugnuts
© Kyle Castle

Michigan State University Athletics

Spartan athletics' NCAA Division 1 program includes 25 varsity sports competing in the Big Ten Conference. Cheer on Spartan football at Spartan Stadium, the men's hockey team at Munn Ice Arena and men's and women's basketball at the Breslin Center. Go Green! Go White!

Lansing Lugnuts

The Lansing Lugnuts is a minor league baseball team and a High-Affiliate of the Oakland Athletics. Located in the heart of downtown Lansing, Jackson® Field seats over 10,000 fans and is one of the most accessible stadiums in the country. With a big purple dinosaur mascot named Big Lug and their own official song, it's fun and easy to Go Nuts!

Lansing Roller Derby

Starting in 2022 the Lansing Derby Vixens and the East Lansing Mitten Mavens will join efforts and integrate into Lansing Roller Derby. This is a not-for-profit, skater-run roller derby league skated on a flat track and also includes the Junior Lansing Roller Derby.

Lansing Common Football Club

Michigan's only member-run, community-focused nonprofit soccer club, Lansing Common competes in the Midwest Premier League and began playing in Spring 2021. Find games at the Lansing Eastern Sports Complex.

Lansing City Futsal

Lansing City Futsal is a professional futsal club that plays in the Lansing City Arena located on the west side of Lansing and plays in the National Futsal Premier League.

Spartan Stadium
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New In Town

Lansing Pharaohs
In a town that loves basketball, the Lansing Pharaohs is a professional basketball team, an official member of The Basketball League and starting its debut year in 2022. Spectators can find family-friendly entertainment through fun and immersive game day experiences.

Cap City Athletic
This semiprofessional team, part of the United Women's Soccer League begins play in May 2022 in the UWS' Midwest North Conference. This first season, the club will not be charging fans for attendance.

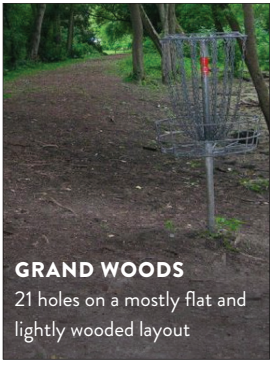
Lansing City Football
An offshoot of Lansing City Futsal, this new semi-professional United Soccer League team will play in the USL's League Two at Hope Sports Complex in 2022.

Granger Meadows
© Valeri Gill

Top Rated Disc Golf

There are lots of unique sport offerings throughout mid-Michigan. From BMX tracks and skate parks to shuffleboard and footgolf. But did you know the region is home to championship level disc golf courses? Greater Lansing hosted the United States Women's Disc Golf Championship at Burchfield Park showcasing the top female disc golfers in the country. Not quite playing at the level? No worries, with holes designed to accommodate a range of different throws, the courses featured below challenge players with different strengths and skills.

Local's favorite courses include:



GRAND WOODS
21 holes on a mostly flat and lightly wooded layout

FITZGERALD PARK
Mixed layout with trees and 18-holes

BURCHFIELD PARK
Two 18-hole courses—one moderately hilly and lightly wooded and one with a heavily wooded layout.

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1 Chicago	210
2 Cincinnati	315
3 Cleveland	230
4 Columbus	260
5 Detroit	90
6 Ft. Wayne	132
7 Grand Rapids	60
8 Indianapolis	245
9 Mackinac City	220
10 Madison	368
11 Marquette	394
12 Pittsburgh	365
13 Toronto	310

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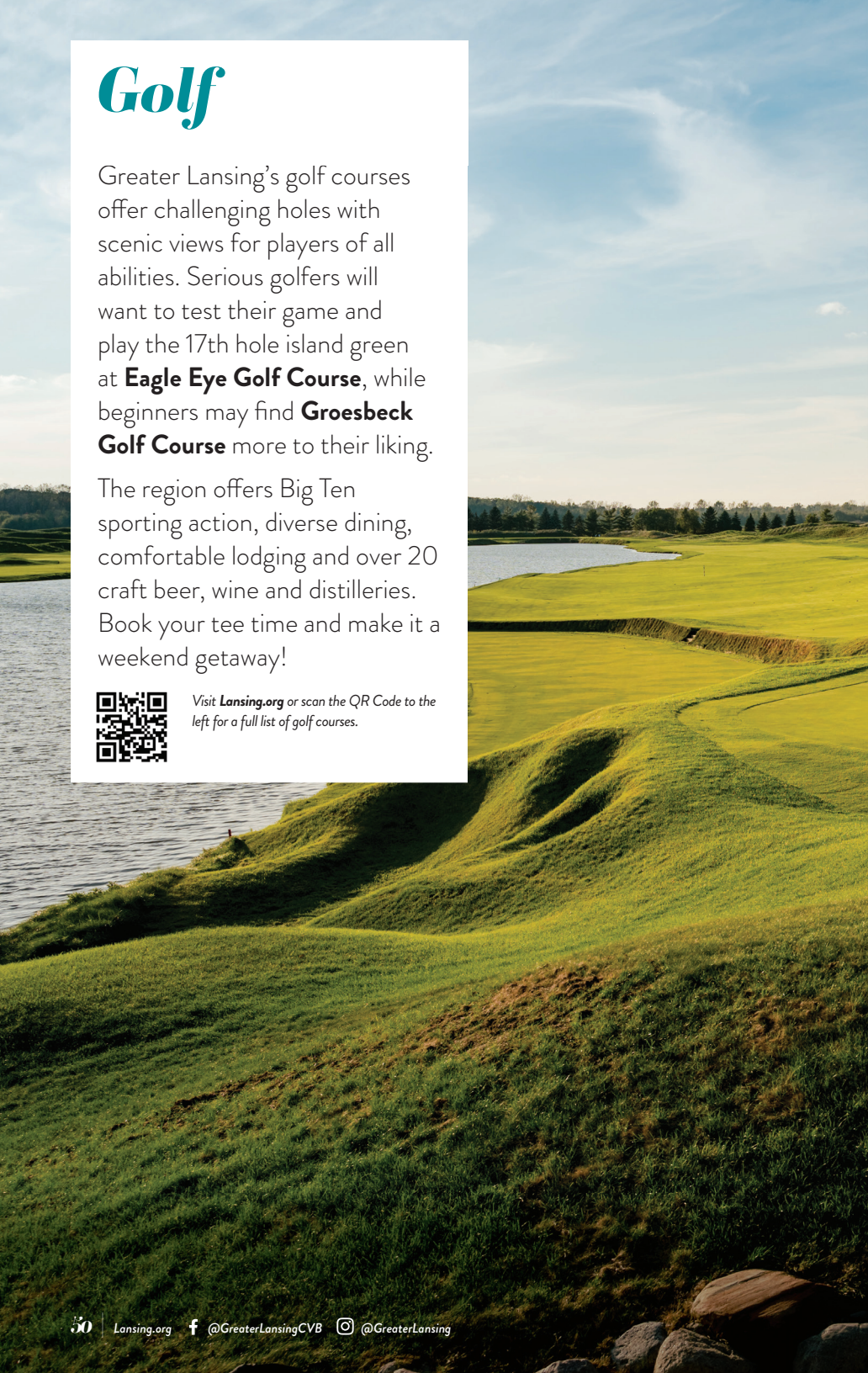
Golf

Greater Lansing's golf courses offer challenging holes with scenic views for players of all abilities. Serious golfers will want to test their game and play the 17th hole island green at **Eagle Eye Golf Course**, while beginners may find **Groesbeck Golf Course** more to their liking.

The region offers Big Ten sporting action, diverse dining, comfortable lodging and over 20 craft beer, wine and distilleries. Book your tee time and make it a weekend getaway!

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of golf courses.*



Eagle Eye Golf Course
© James Lenon

Overnight Stay

When you're planning your getaway finding the perfect lodging should be a number one priority. Check out, then check in, to some great places to stay to rest up and rejuvenate for the next day's adventures.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of properties.*

Hotels with Pools

Want to be a superstar? If you're traveling with kids, booking a hotel with a pool will earn you extra points!

Visit ***Lansing.org*** or scan the QR Code below for a full list of properties with pools.

Bed & Breakfast

A beautiful room at one of Lansing's local bed-and-breakfasts can ensure the perfect romantic getaway. With a delicious sit down breakfast to start your day, you can be fueled up and ready to spend some quality time together exploring Greater Lansing.

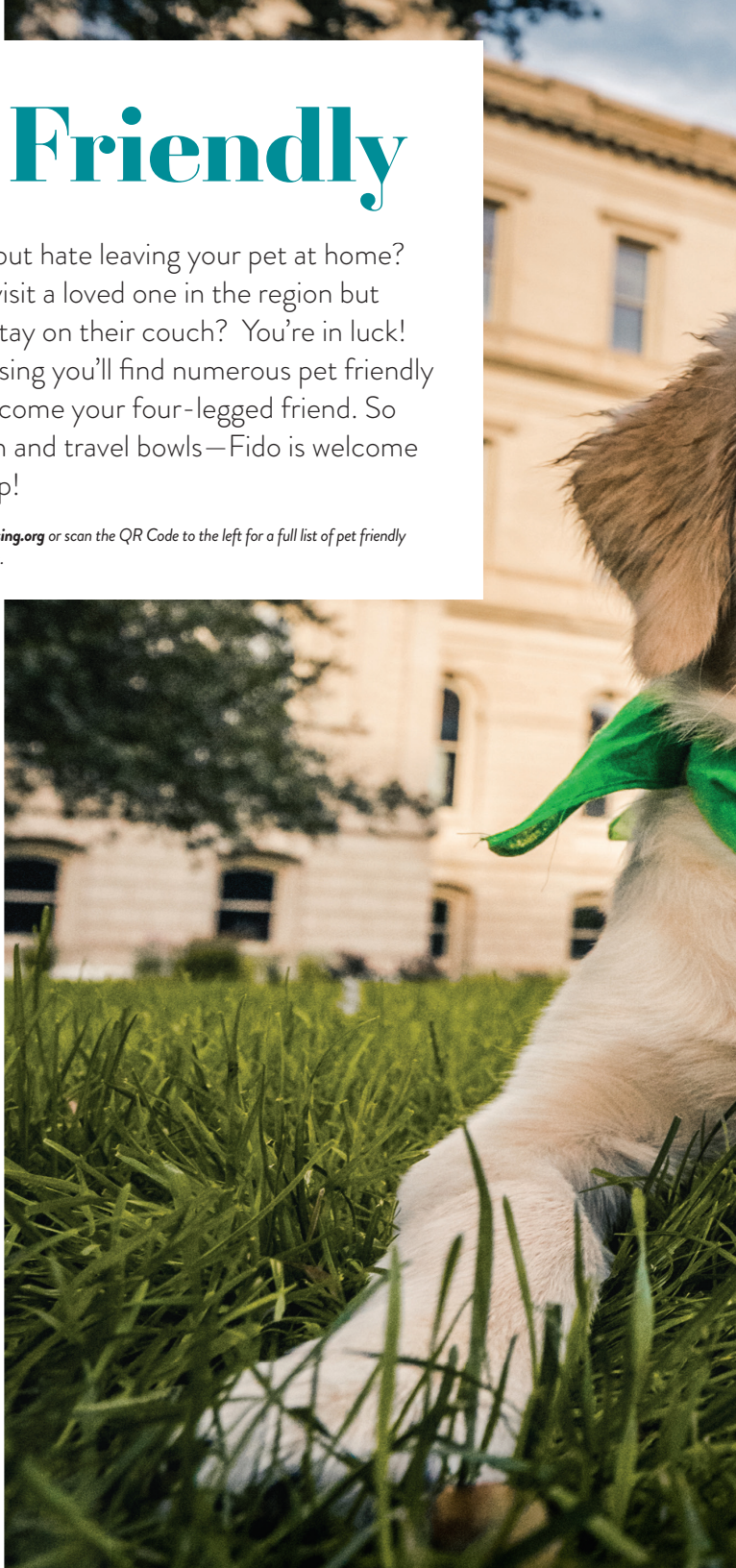
Visit ***Lansing.org*** or scan the QR Code below for a full list of B&Bs.

Hyatt Place Lansing—East
© Thomas Genarra

Pet Friendly

Love to travel but hate leaving your pet at home? Or looking to visit a loved one in the region but don't want to stay on their couch? You're in luck! In Greater Lansing you'll find numerous pet friendly hotels that welcome your four-legged friend. So pack your leash and travel bowls—Fido is welcome on this road trip!

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of pet friendly properties.*



Michigan State Capitol
© James Lenon

Don't miss

Add to your itinerary these pet friendly dog parks while you're in town: **Nancy Moore Park** in Haslett, **Northern Tail Dog Park** in East Lansing and **The Howard and Erna Soldan Dog Park** in Lansing.

Perfect Plates

Greater Lansing serves up delectable dishes that are almost too pretty to eat! We're sharing our top picks here but you can find dozens of dining options to suit all palates by scanning the QR code to the right.

MSU Dairy Store
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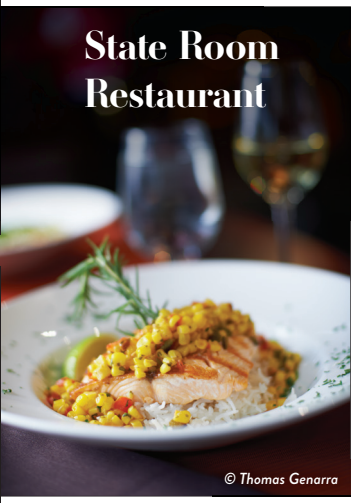
Social Sloth Café
© Social Sloth Café


State Room Restaurant
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The Cosmos
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Lansing Brewing Company
© Thomas Genarra

The Creole Burger Bar & Southern Kitchen
In The Yellow Pages
#Love © James Lenon

Blue Owl Coffee
© James Lenon

Coffee & Tea

If you're a coffee lover, tea enthusiast or just looking to warm up in a local coffee shop, here are some of Greater Lansing's best spots.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of coffee shops and roasters.*

The Brew Café

Proudly serving Sozo Coffee, this cozy coffee shop on the westside of Lansing strives for building community and serving people. Their large space is perfect for business meetings, live events, or simply a one-on-one coffee date. They even have a tattoo shop upstairs!

The Urban Cup—Lansing

Quick casual restaurant with hand-crafted coffee using freshly roasted beans and other beverages. Features scratch-made Soup Spoon Café favorites like soup, sandwiches, ice cream and more. Located near Lansing's Groesbeck neighborhood.

Blue Owl Coffee—REO Town

Hip spot offering a variety of coffee "cocktails", teas, sandwiches and pastries. Great place to study, read, draw and hang out.

The Coffee Barrel

The Coffee Barrel operates a café with specialty coffee drinks, regular brews, smoothies, frappes and more. Sample a different flavor every day, or let the friendly baristas create a specialty drink customized to your own taste! A small selection of sweet treats is available, including allergy and vegan friendly items. They custom grind your coffee on request so it's always fresh! Tours of roasting facility available on Saturdays. Reservations required.

Gluten Free? Vegan? Vegetarian?

YES, we have that!

Looking for places to eat but have dietary restrictions? Many local restaurants are top notch at offering gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options that will help meet your needs.

Red Haven
© Thomas Genarra

A Few Favorites:

People's Kitchen
With a commitment to sourcing local, fresh ingredients, patrons will find inventive dishes to suit their unique needs.

For Crêpes Sake
Whether you're a long-time lover of crêpes or indulging for the first time, For Crêpes Sake offers both sweet and savory crêpes. Gluten free batter, vegan batter, vegan butter and vegan whip are all available.

Fleetwood Diner
This is an upbeat, casual diner with a menu that includes a variety of vegetarian options, as well as, traditional Greek food. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Lil G's Italian Restaurant
This wonderful little gem is located just north of Lansing in St. Johns and has created a menu packed with gluten free and dairy free options, as well as, keto and vegan dishes.

*For a full list of gluten free, vegetarian, or vegan restaurants visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left.*

Maru Sushi & Grill
© James Lenon

Global Cuisine

If you're looking to experience global cuisine, Greater Lansing offers plenty of restaurants that can satisfy your cravings from around the world.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of global cuisine.*

A Few Favorites:

SanSu Sushi & Cocktails
SanSu blends the flavors and traditions of Japanese and Korean dishes with American tastes. Private dinning is available in traditional tatami style rooms.

Sultans Express
Explore the unique flavors of Middle-Eastern cuisine. Sultans offers a selection of healthy raw juices, sandwiches, lunch platters, salads and homemade baklava.

Thai Village
Thai Village offers diners an exotic journey through various regions of Thailand with bold flavors of Southeast Asia.

Pablo's
Taste authentic, scratch-made Mexican cuisine. Giant burritos, crispy tostadas, delicious gorditas and many other original plates.

Social Sloth Café
The Social Sloth Café is an artisan bakery, serving authentic Turkish flavors inspired with a Mediterranean touch.

Tantay
Tantay works to capture the flavor palate of the coast of Peru. Find ceviche, stews and stir-fry dishes.

Brunch

Soup Spoon Café
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Nothing sets off a perfect day of exploring Greater Lansing like a great meal. Whether you want a grab and go fresh bagel sandwich or a sit down, leisurely brunch with friends, Greater Lansing's breakfast and brunch spots will fuel a fabulous day!

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a full list of breakfast and brunch spots.*

We encourage you to try these top-rated breakfast dishes during your visit:

Fleetwood Diner
Sample the Hippie Hash.

Soup Spoon Café
Specialty omelets and eggs benedict.

People's Kitchen
The gigantic pancakes (with lemon?! Yes!).

Beggar's Banquet
The breakfast bowls or "benes."

Goodfellas Bagels
The monstrous bagel sandwiches.

Midtown Brewing Company
Try the breakfast nachos or chorizo brunch burger.

Leo's Coney Island
Breakfast classics served all day.

Find Some Treasures *and Take Them Home*

We know when you're traveling, you want to find those exclusive shops that you just can't find at home.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the right for a full list of shopping.*

Exit Through The Gift Shop

Many museums and attractions have corresponding gift shops. Whether you're at the **Michigan History Museum**, **Impression 5 Science Center** or the **R.E. Olds Transportation Museum**, you're bound to find a souvenir or two.

Grace Boutique
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When you leave the Old Town Lansing neighborhood, you can take home anything from a goldfish or exotic bird (**Preuss Pets**), a mountain dulcimer or bass guitar (**Elderly Instruments**), the perfect cocktail dress and matching wrap for that wedding you're attending (**Grace Boutique**), or support a local artist with a one-of-a-kind find from one of the many galleries. Don't forget to stop at the **Old Town General Store** for your fill of Michigan-related products and souvenirs!

And if you're looking to stroll down a quaint typically Midwest main street, try one of our surrounding communities like **Grand Ledge**, **Mason** or **Williamston** where there's a hometown feeling and a small business, shop local vibe.

Eastwood Towne Center
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Love the mall? We've got three!

Lansing Mall
Hello JC Penney, Best Buy and Barnes & Noble!

Meridian Mall
Hey there Macy's, American Eagle and Schuler's Books!

Eastwood Towne Center
We see you Apple Store, White House/Black Market and DSW!

Michigan State University—Spartan Gear
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Support the home team!

Need authentic MSU Green and White garb? Find **Spartan Spirit Shops** on campus and MSU gear at specialty shops along Grand River Avenue in East Lansing. And don't forget to "Go Nuts" with the hottest minor league baseball merch from the **Lansing Lugnuts**.

Seasonal *Things To Do*

You'll find all four seasons in Greater Lansing which means year-round fun! From spring baseball games to winter ice skating. Here's our favorite things to do each season.

Downtown Lansing Social District © Valeri Gill

Spring

- Sip and stroll the **Social Districts** in Old Town, Downtown and REO Town
- Go Nuts! at a **Lansing Lugnuts** baseball game
- Bike the trails at **Anderson Park** and **Burchfield Park**
- Go wild with the whole family at **Potter Park Zoo**
- Perfect your golf or footgolf game at **The Falcon** or **Royal Scot**
- Download the **517 Art Search app** and find over 100 murals, sculptures and more

Summer

- Splash around at **Hawk Island** or the **East Lansing Family Aquatic Center**
- Stroll the **MSU Horticultural Gardens** and **W.J. Beal Garden** at MSU
- Chill out at **Rotary Park's** urban beach
- Find fresh produce at **Grand Ledge's Market on the Grand** and the **Farmers Market at the Capitol**

Hawk Island Splash Pad © @exploremichiganore

Michigan State University
© Colton Evens Photography

Fall

- Go Green! Tailgate and show your Spartan Spirit at a Michigan State football game
- Walk the trails at **Fenner, Harris or Woldumar Nature Centers**
- Enjoy apple cider, donuts or pick a pumpkin at **Uncle John's Cider Mill**
- Hike the ledges at **Fitzgerald Park** in Grand Ledge
- All aboard the **Michigan Princess Riverboat** for a color tour cruise

Winter

- Sip craft beverages inside the igloos at **BAD Brewing Company** or **Burgdorf's Winery**
- Embrace winter and hit up the sledding/ snow tubing hills at **Granger Meadows** and **Burchfield Park**
- Explore indoor attractions like **Impression 5 Science Center** and **Michigan History Museum**
- Find your thrills at Entertainment centers like **High Caliber Karting**, **Zap Zone** and **Launch Lansing**
- Glide along on the skating rinks at Lansing's **City Hall Plaza** or at the **Meridian Skating Rink** in Okemos

BAD Brewing Company
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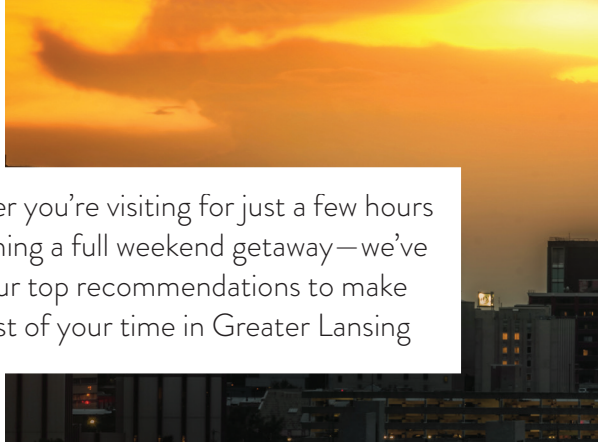
Best Days Ever



Whether you're visiting for just a few hours or planning a full weekend getaway—we've listed our top recommendations to make the most of your time in Greater Lansing

IF YOU HAVE AN *Afternoon*

Michigan State Capitol © Thomas Gennara

Historic Sites

The **Michigan State Capitol** and **Michigan History Museum** are two attractions that you don't want to miss. Not only do they represent the entire state of Michigan, but they are interesting, educational and architecturally stunning.

Need Lunch?

Grab a bite to eat along Washington Square where you'll find great options like **Midtown Brewing Company**, **Social Sloth Café**, **Sultan's Express**, **Thai Village** plus plenty of sandwich, pizza and sub shops, too.

IF YOU HAVE A *Day*

Museums Galore

Hit up the **Michigan State Capitol**, the **Michigan History Center**, **R.E. Olds Transportation Museum**, then head three miles east to the campus of **Michigan State University** for the afternoon where you'll find even more to see and do like the **Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum** and the **MSU Museum**.

Soup Spoon Café © Greater Lansing CVB

Grab a Bite

Stop by one of the great restaurants located along Michigan Avenue like **Arcadia Smokehouse**, **Soup Spoon Café**, **The People's Kitchen** or **Harrison Roadhouse**.

Downtown Lansing
© James Lenon

IF YOU HAVE A

Weekend

Activities & Entertainment

Day 1: Lansing is home to five attractions in a five-block radius. Spend the morning exploring the **Impression 5 Science Center**, multiple museums or **Potter Park Zoo**. After lunch, catch Spartan Spirit and spend the afternoon discovering the unique offerings on the campus of **Michigan State University** including the **MSU Dairy Store**. Enjoy dinner at **Red Haven** and finish up the night with a drink at the Graduate's rooftop **Rock Bar**.

Day 2: After breakfast at **Beggar's Banquet**, paddle the Grand River, play golf at **Eagle Eye**, or stroll along the **Lansing River Trail**. Lunchtime? Try one of the numerous restaurants at **Eastwood Towne Center**. **Old Town Lansing** is next on your list for boutique browsing, eclectic galleries and fun! Be sure to stop into **The Grid**, a popular arcade/bar. End the evening with a **Lansing Lugnuts** game or a Broadway show at the **Wharton Center**.

The Grid Arcade Bar
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STAY A WHILE

Trip Ideas & Itineraries

Michigan State Capitol
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Mid-Michigan offers an array of activities suited for any interest. We've compiled trip ideas and itineraries for foodies, families, art afficionados, history buffs, Spartan fans and so much more! We're confident you'll find enough to keep you busy for an entire weekend. Be sure to book your overnight stay at one of our comfortable hotels or quaint B&Bs and make it a getaway to remember!

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for a list of trip ideas and itineraries.*

Old Town Lansing Mural
© Tracy Padot

Greater Lansing's *Vibrant Heritage Reflected in Region's Diversity*

Greater Lansing is an authentic, welcoming and inclusive city. It is a diverse community of 475,000 residents with nearly 50,000 students at Michigan State University, of which, approximately 6,500 are international students. Residents speak 63 different languages living in a multitude of vibrant neighborhoods. According to *bestneighborhood.org* Lansing has a diversity score of 97 out of 100 and is much more diverse than other US cities. And the 2021 US census shows that Ingham County is the second most diverse county in Michigan. The culture and heritage of the region has been woven into a rich tapestry that visitors are encouraged to experience first-hand.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the left for our local cultural gems.*

African American Heritage

While Black History has traditionally been celebrated during the month of February, in Michigan's Capital region visitors can find the history and valuable benefactions that African Americans have contributed throughout the region all year long. Visit ***Lansing.org*** or scan the QR code below to learn more about the region's museums and historic sites like the **All Around the African World Museum** and **Malcom X Historic marker**, as well as, annual events, historic trailblazers and a list of minority owned businesses.

Did you know that Lansing proudly holds the largest **Martin Luther King Jr. day of celebration** event in the country each year? And also has celebrated **Juneteenth** for nearly 30 years with a festival and special events. Also, **Greenwood District Studios** is one of Michigan's first black owned movie studios. A comedy club, acting classes and drive-in movies are all slated for 2022.

'Juneteenth Festival (517)' in REO Town
© Kendall D. Lartigue

Old Town Lansing
© Greater Lansing CVB

Hispanic History

Sugar beets were a profitable business in mid-Michigan in the early 1900s and it changed the demographics of Lansing, especially the city's north side. Many Mexican and Mexican Americans came from the Southwest to work in the agricultural industry growing the local Latino population. Currently, people of Hispanic and Latino descent make up over 12% of the total Lansing population according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The region honors its rich Latino culture and proclaimed September 15-October 15 Hispanic Heritage Month and a portion of Grand River Avenue that runs through the **Old Town Lansing** area has been designated as Cesar E. Chavez Avenue. Visitors will want to sample the delicious tastes of Mexico during the annual **Cristo Rey Fiesta** and you can celebrate Latino culture with the Lansing Locos! Which is the re-imagined brand of the **Lansing Lugnuts** minor league baseball team.

Native American Culture

For hundreds of years, the Anishinaabe people used trails roughly following what is now I-96, U.S. 127 and Grand River Avenue, as well as, the river itself to travel for hunting-gathering and trade.

Okemos, Michigan was named after Chief Okemos (~1775-1858) who was a Michigan Ojibwe (Chippewa) chief. He participated in Tecumseh's War and was one of the signers of the Treaty of Saginaw. "Okemos" was the anglicized form of the Anishinaabemowin word "ogimaanhs": meaning "Little Chief". At that Treaty of Saginaw in 1819, several tribes (Ottawa, Potawatomi and Ojibwa) were represented by their leaders and Chief Okemos represented some of the Ojibwa people. This treaty was signed with General Lewis Cass and gave up six million acres of land in what is now southern Michigan to the United States government.

During the 1960s and 1970s many native families moved to the Greater Lansing area to work in the automotive industry. Michigan State University has an Indigenous Studies program and an Indigenous Law program. As a result, the Lansing area boasts a vibrant native community made up of people from various tribes across Canada and the U.S.

Today visitors can find the **Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center** in Okemos (Meridian Township) with a mission to keep the language, culture and traditions alive. The center holds sessions in Ojibwe Kinoomaagewin at a weekly Ojibwe Language Table with fluent instructors, feast gatherings and classes, that range from traditional Black Ash Basket Making to Sweetgrass Braiding.

Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center
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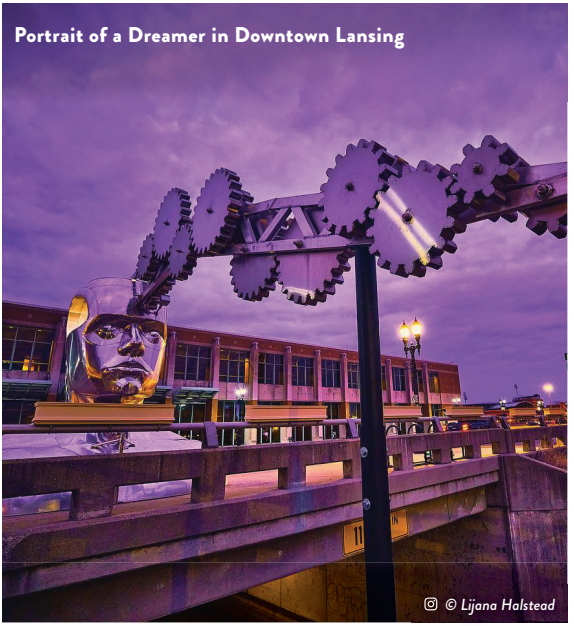
Love Lansing
Unique Landmarks


Portrait of a Dreamer in Downtown Lansing
© Lijana Halstead

Winkin, Blinkin and Nod in REO Town Lansing
© James Lenon

Rotary Park Inspiration Sculpture
© Brittany Bezrutczyk

Old Town Murals
© Beth Jespersen

Michigan State Capitol

© Adrienne Rae

Love Lansing Mural on the side of American Fifth Spirits

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Spartan Statue at Michigan State University

© Michigan State University

Brenke Fish Ladder in Old Town Lansing

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Love Lansing

MEET LIKE A LOCAL

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We're Ready to
Host You

Lansing Center
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- Central Location in Midwest Boosts Attendance
- Flexible & Unique Venues
- Dedicated Staff Committed to Your Success

Greater Lansing Safe Meetings

The Greater Lansing hospitality community is committed to putting the health and wellbeing of our visitors first.

*Visit **Lansing.org** or scan the QR Code to the right to learn more about Safe Meetings in Greater Lansing.*

Getting Here
and Getting Around

Not only is getting to Greater Lansing easy, so is getting around! From Uber to limo, and bus to air, there are a lot of ways to find your way around the area. Choose what works best for you and your group. Get out and explore!

Getting Here...

By Plane

Capital Region International Airport is your connection to some of the nation's largest hubs and easy connections to the rest of the world. Minutes from downtown Lansing, the Capitol and Michigan State University (MSU).
(517) 321-6121 | FlyLansing.com

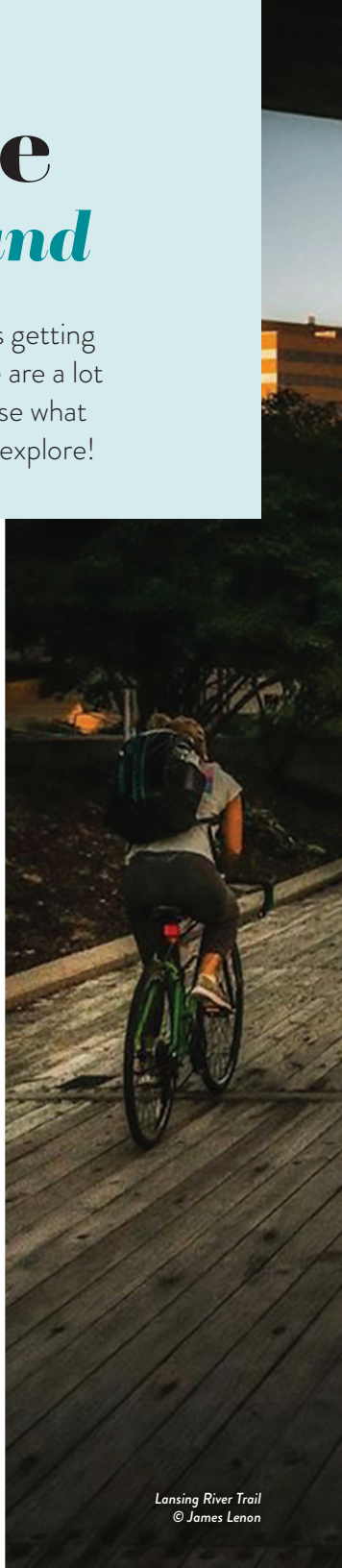
By Train

Amtrak links the Lansing area with more than 20 Michigan cities and over 500 cities and towns nationwide.
For fares/schedules call (800) USA-RAIL | Amtrak.com

By Bus

Greyhound Bus Lines is located in Lansing and East Lansing and offers yet another form of transportation to and from the Greater Lansing area.
Lansing (517) 482-4246 | East Lansing (517) 332-2595
Greyhound.com

Michigan Flyer is a luxury motorcoach providing scheduled service to and from East Lansing, Ann Arbor and Detroit Metro Airport. Discounted parking at departure locations. Available for events, group charter trips and corporate travel.
(517) 333-0400 | MichiganFlyer.com



Lansing River Trail
© James Lenon

Getting Around...

By Bus

CATA (Capital Area Transportation Authority) provides the area with fixed route bus service, including service to MSU and Spec-Tran curb-to-curb service for disabled persons. Late night service Thursday–Saturday.
(517) 394-1000 | CATA.org

Dean Trailways of Michigan offers premium motor coaches that include amenities such as WiFi, 110 outlets and Satellite TV.
(517) 319-3326 | DeanTrailways.com

Indian Trails offers daily service to over 200 destinations. Connecting service across America through Greyhound and other carriers. All coaches are ADA Accessible, offer free WiFi and electrical outlets.
(989) 725-5105 | IndianTrails.com

By Car Service

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Grand Limousine offers limousine and black car service for all occasions including: airport transportation, weddings, special events and more! Book the VIP stretch limo, or the shuttle service for larger groups!
(517) 882-5466 | GrandLimo.com

Lighthouse Party Bus & Limo offers quality group transportation including professional drivers, a diverse luxury fleet, a commitment to detail and ability to service any event.
(517) 798-5625 | LighthousePartyBusLimo.com

BIKES

Rent a bike for the day and get around in a fast, convenient way—free parking too! Available seasonally in downtown Lansing at **River Town Adventures** and East Lansing at **MSU Bikes Service Center**.

SCOOTERS

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FIND A CHARGING STATION

Find every public charging station for electric vehicles by scanning the QR Code to the right.

RIDESHARING

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Where to Park in Greater Lansing

In Lansing

No more searching for loose change or rushing out to put more coins in the meter. Lansing's new multi-space pay stations and Passport app let you do it from your smart phone. Download the app at PassportParking.com

Lansing has also ramped up their game with an extreme makeover of parking ramps and lots. Enjoy lighting and security improvements, cool convenient wayfinding, new entry and exit equipment and effortless payment. Visit ***LansingMI.gov/Parking*** or scan the QR Code below.

In East Lansing

You can now get real-time parking availability in East Lansing—perfect for those busy football Saturdays! Visit ***CityOfEastLansing.com*** or scan the QR Code below.

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DOWNTOWN LANSING

PARKING MAP

City Parking Facilities (517) 483–4240

1 Lansing Center Parking

Under and North of Lansing Center. Open 24 hours a day. Fees charged 24 hours a day. Cost: $2 per hour, $10 daily max. Cash, Visa, MC, Discover, AmEx.

2 North Capitol Ramp

Capitol Ave. between Shiawassee St. and Ionia St. (enter from Capitol Ave.). Open 24 hours a day. Fees charged 24 hours a day. Cost: $3 per hour, $15 daily max. Cash, Visa, MC, Discover, AmEx.

3 North Grand Parking Ramp

Grand Ave. between Ionia St. and Ottawa St. Open 24 hours a day. Fees charged 24 hours a day. Cost: $3 per hour, $15 daily max. Cash, Visa, MC, Discover, AmEx.

4 South Capitol Ramp

Kalamazoo St. between Townsend St. and Capitol Ave. Open 24 hours a day. Fees charged 24 hours a day. Cost: $3 per hour, $15 daily max. Cash, Visa, MC, Discover, AmEx.

Ellis Parking Company (517) 482–3659

5 Capitol and Washtenaw Lot

229 S. Capitol Ave., NE corner of Capitol Ave. and Washtenaw St. Open 24 hours. Fees charged: 24/7. Cost: $1.25 per ½ hour, $12 daily max. Visa, MC, Discover, AmEx.

6 Constitution Hall Lot

425 W. Allegan, between Allegan St. and Washtenaw St., West of Walnut St. Open 24 hours. Fees charged: when attendant is present during business hours. Cost: $1.25 per ½ hour, $10 daily max. Cash, Visa, MC, Discover, AmEx.

Info and rates accurate as of January 2022.

Greater Lansing Map

Capitol Mall
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ACCOMMODATIONS

1 America's Best Value Inn
2 Best Western
3 Candlewood Suites Hotel—Lansing
4 Causeway Bay Lansing Hotel
5 Clarion Pointe Hotel—East Lansing
6 Comfort Inn & Suites—Dimondale/Lansing
7 Comfort Inn—Lansing
8 Comfort Inn—Okemos
9 Country Inn & Suites
10 Courtyard by Marriott—Lansing
11 Courtyard by Marriott—Lansing Downtown
12 Courtyard East Lansing/Okemos
13 Cozy Koi Bed & Breakfast
14 Crowne Plaza Lansing West
15 The English Inn
16 Fairfield Inn—Lansing West
17 Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott—Lansing at Eastwood
18 Graduate East Lansing
19 Hampton Inn—East Lansing
20 Hampton Inn & Suites—Lansing West
21 Hampton Inn & Suites—Okemos
22 Hilton Garden Inn—Lansing West
23 Holiday Inn Express & Suites—East Lansing
24 Holiday Inn Express & Suites—Lansing
25 Holiday Inn Express Okemos—University Area
26 Homewood Suites by Hilton
27 Hyatt Place Lansing—East
28 Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
29 The Legend Inn
30 Marriott East Lansing at University Place
31 The Nordic Pineapple
32 Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol
33 Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center
34 Red Roof Inn—East
35 Red Roof Inn—West
36 Residence Inn—Lansing West
37 Residence Inn by Marriott—East Lansing
38 SpringHill Suites by Marriott
39 SpringHill Suites by Marriott—East Lansing
40 Staybridge Suites—Lansing/Okemos
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42 Travelodge by Wyndham—Lansing
43 University Quality Inn
44 Wild Goose Inn
45 Williamston Inn
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POINTS OF INTEREST

1 All Around African World Museum
2 Allen Neighborhood Center/Allen Market Place
3 Alliance Lake Softball Complex
4 East Lansing Hannah Community Center
5 East Lansing Soccer Complex
6 East Lansing Softball Complex
7 Eastwood Towne Center
8 Eaton County Fairgrounds
9 Eaton County's Museum at Courthouse Square
10 Hope Sports Complex
11 Ingham County Courthouse
12 Ingham County Fairgrounds
13 Lansing Center
14 Lansing City Arena
15 Lansing Model Railroad Club
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17 Le Chat Gourmet Culinary Arts
18 LCC's West Campus Conference Center
19 Mason Area Historical Society
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28 Turner-Dodge House & Heritage Center

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